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TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON METHODS TO
PROTECT PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES

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11. (SBU) On Tuesday, August 2nd, the U.S. Embassy Iraq will offer an expansive "how to" security session to members of the diplomatic community in Baghdad. This briefing, will be conducted by Post's Regional Security Office, Political Military Office, U.S. Military, and Iraqi Police and Military. This briefing will cover the full range of physical, technical, procedural, and personnel security measures necessary to operate safely and effectively in Iraq's current security climate. More than 50 missions, including Coalition, Arab, and other diplomats, have been invited, and a large number are expected to attend. Post believes that this session will communicate our commitment to assist the diplomatic community in countering the threats directed against them.

12. (SBU) The topics to be presented include:

--Overview of the Security Environment: Current threats and trends by the Anti-Iraqi Forces (AIF) and insurgents in the greater Baghdad area and throughout Iraq.

--Physical Security of Facilities and Residential Compounds: The use of physical barriers to deter vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices and unauthorized access, as well as those designed to minimize damage and casualties caused by explosions, indirect fire, small arms fire, and other methods of attack common to Iraq. In addition, the importance of effective training and deployment for uniformed security in and around diplomatic facilities.

--Access Controls and Badging: The use of badging and other identification media to deny unauthorized access, including an overview of proper procedures to employ at checkpoints. This topic will also include an explanation of current U.S. Mission badging procedures.

--Protective Security Details (PSDs) The importance of and proper uses for personal protective details, including tactics and techniques developed by various PSDs to counter the multitude of different threats directed against diplomatic personnel moving outside the International Zone.

--Surveillance Detection Practices and Techniques: Effective techniques and programs for detecting and responding to possible hostile surveillance of both facilities and individual diplomatic members.

--Technical Security Equipment: An explanation of best practices in employing locks, alarms, walk-thru and hand-held metal detectors, explosive detection equipment, and cameras to enhance the overall security posture of a diplomatic facility and/or residence.

13. (SBU) The briefings will be presented by the Regional Security Office personnel who possess extensive experience in the day-to-day operations of Post's security program. Brigadier General Horst, 3rd Infantry Division, Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver, will be addressing the group. His Division has responsibility for the greater Baghdad area, where most of the Diplomatic Missions to Iraq are located. BG Horst will discuss the overall security environment and will provide guidance on who to contact for help in an emergency. Major General Razak, the Baghdad Chief of Police and other senior members of the Iraqi military units from the area will also be invited to attend and meet the diplomatic community.

14. (SBU) Post has cast a wide net in developing a list of invitees and nearly all of Baghdad's diplomatic community is expected to attend. A full list of attendees, as well as a report of the proceedings, will be sent septel after the session.

15. (SBU) Mission and MNF-I are engaged now in an intensive effort to identify capabilities that would be offered to foreign diplomats to help them improve their security.

Given recent attacks directed specifically at non-U.S. diplomatic personnel in Iraq, Post feels strongly that this event will provide our diplomatic colleagues with much-needed guidance in developing effective security programs. As stated in reftel, FM Zebari raised the possibility of allowing some of the diplomats to move into the International Zone. On July 29, Ambassador raised the issue with PM Jafari-who responded favorably to the idea. He will instruct his people to see what they can find in the International Zone.

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